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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09,079,758
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First Named Inventor	Morrison, et. al.
Group Art Unit	1616
Examiner Name	Sharareh, S.
Attorney Docket Number	MSC-22939-1-SB

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changed to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE Practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other NASA Form 1625 & return postcard

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-0116

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 12/14/2000 GTEFFERA 00000070 140116 09079758

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:179 710.00 CH

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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PATENT APPLICATION

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a reply submitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2000. A request for a three month extension of time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith. Applicants are filing this Preliminary Amendment in conjunction with the attached Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-59 and 69-71, in light of the preliminary amendments and remarks below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (twice amended) A microcapsule [comprising] consisting of one or more internal, immiscible liquid phases enclosed within a polymer outer membrane having a melting temperature, and

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